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Claims searched: 1

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Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
A,P	-	US 6688397 A (McClurkin)

Categories:

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
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Field of Search:

Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^X :

E1F

Worldwide search of patent documents classified in the following areas of the IPC

E21B

The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report

EPODOC, WPI



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Allowance of the divisional date

1. Your request that this application be treated as having been filed on 17 March 2004, which is the same date of filing as your earlier application number GB0518799.2, has been allowed.

Conciseness and plurality

2. Your claims fail to meet the requirements of section 14.5.d with regard to conciseness, with the excessive number of independent claims obscuring the scope of protection being sought. There is a *prima facie* case for plurality but I am deferring consideration as to how many inventions there actually are until the conciseness objection has been addressed.

Clarity and consistency

3. Application numbers are missing from pages 9 and 28.
4. The description will have to be brought into agreement with the claims, once settled.

Publication

5. Your application is being published concurrently.